



Unified Hazard Mitigation Assistance Workshop

Welcome!

August 26, 2008

Richmond, VA



Introductions

- **Your Name**
- **Organization**
- **What you hope to learn today**

Agenda

- Greetings and Introductions
- Hazard Mitigation Grant Programs
- Project Development
- Developing the Application
- What Happens Next?
- Questions and Answers



Unified Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA)

- Program Elements
- Meet the Staff
- Program Requirements
- Deadlines and Flow Chart
- Basic Eligibility





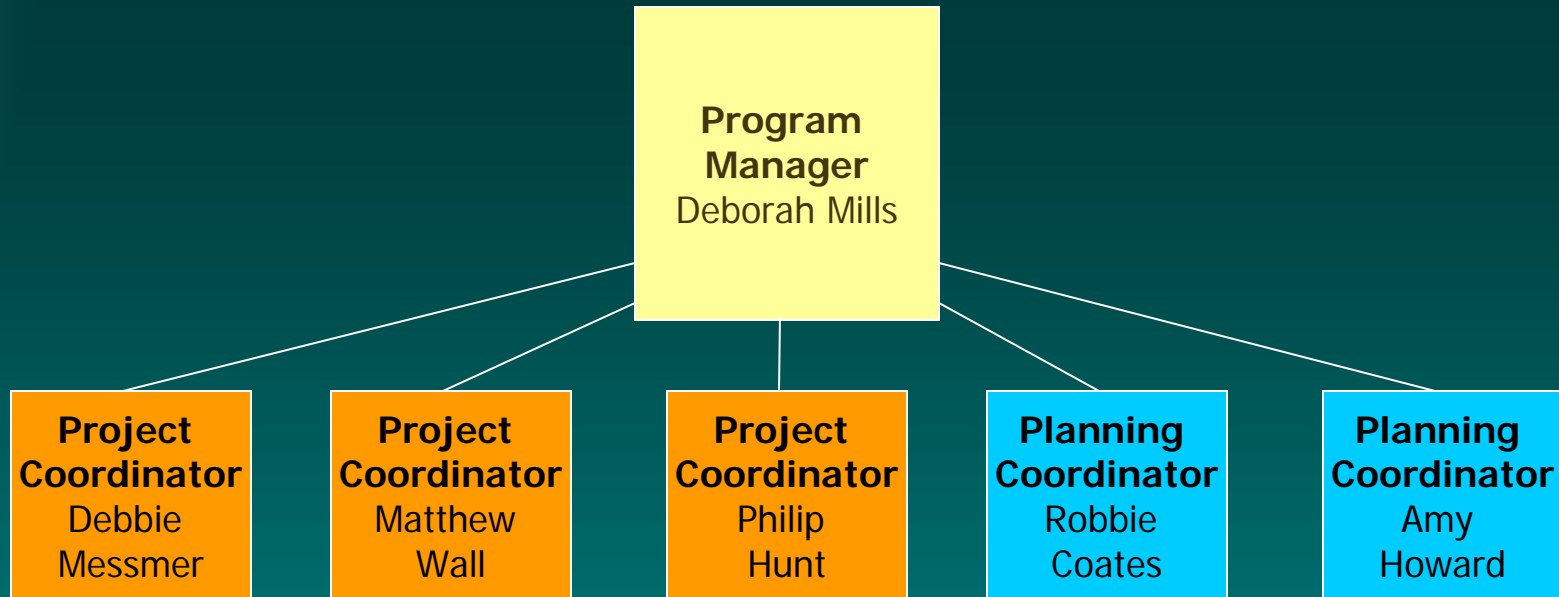
Program Elements

Mitigation is a sustained action that reduces or eliminates long-term risk of injury to people, damage to property from hazards while allowing continuity of societal functions.

- Grant Management
- Strategic Hazard Mitigation Planning
- Disaster Response & Recovery



Meet the Program Staff



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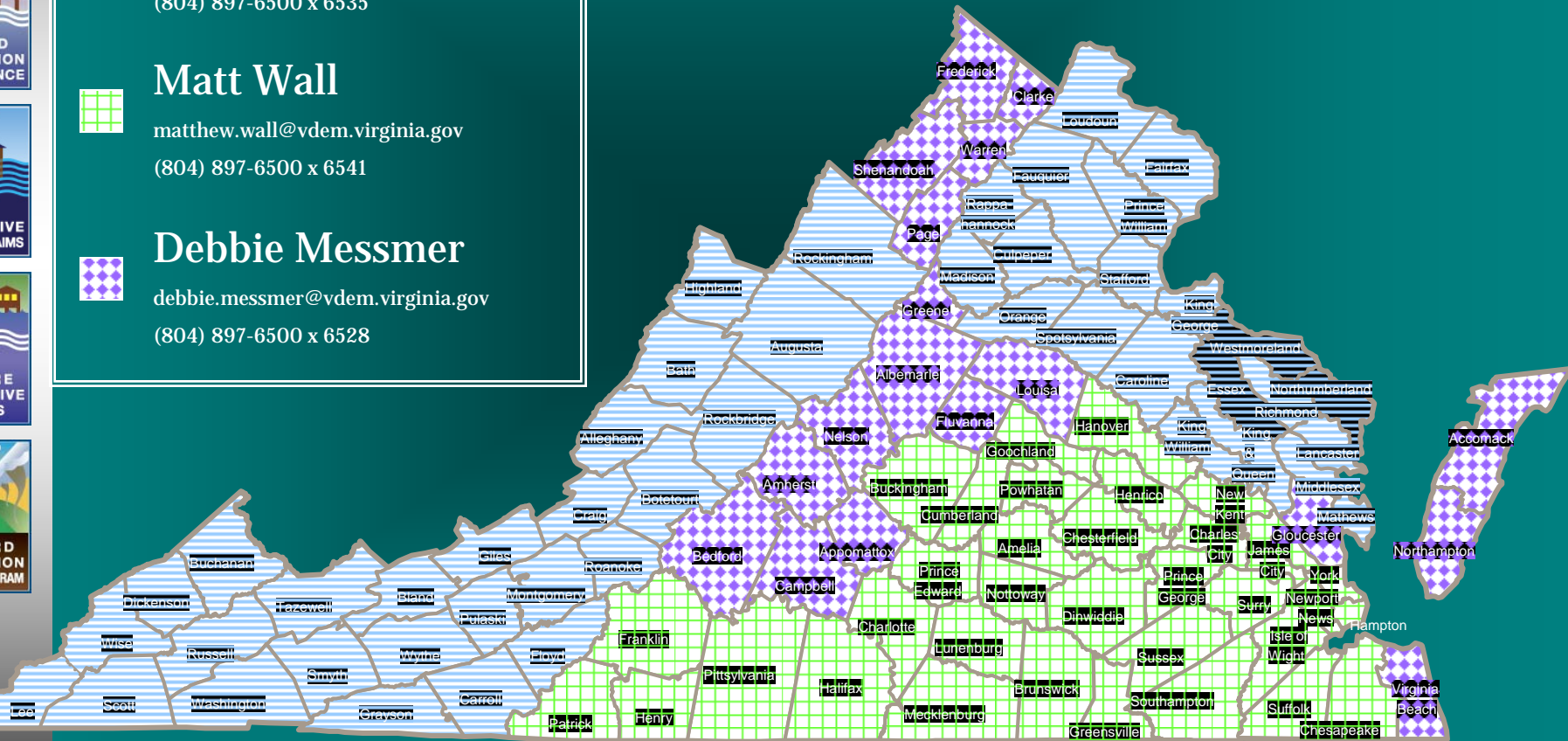
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Unified Hazard Mitigation Assistance and Eligibility

- Funds Available for FY09 (per federal budget approval)
 - Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM)
 - Repetitive Flood Claims (RFC)
 - Severe Repetitive Loss (SRL)
 - Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA)
- Funds Available Post-Disaster
 - Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)



Pre-Disaster Mitigation

- **Nationally competitive, available annually.**
 - Applicants must have a FEMA approved Hazard mitigation plans developed in accordance with 44 CFR Part 201.
 - Projects designed to reduce or prevent structural damage caused by disaster events.
 - Each is state guaranteed \$550,000 in approved projects.
 - Dependant upon annual funding from Congress and reauthorization of the program this year.

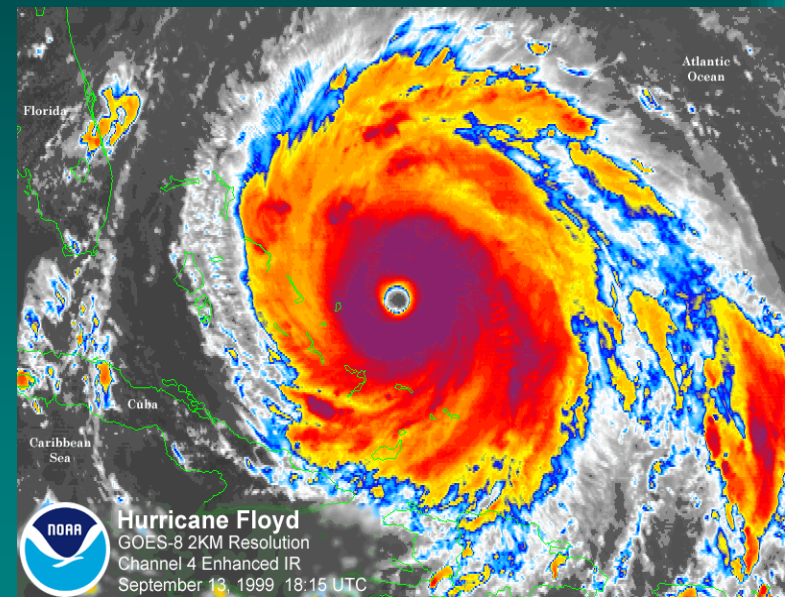




Pre-Disaster Mitigation

- Maximum federal share:
 - \$3 million project
 - \$800,000 for new mitigation plans.
 - \$400,000 for updated mitigation plans.
- Cost share: 75% federal, 25% applicant.

Take Action Before the Storm!





Repetitive Flood Claims

- **Nationally competitive, available only for NFIP insured structures only.**
- Goal is to reduce claims on NFIP from properties with one or more flood insurance claim payments through:
 - Acquiring property, and demolishing or relocating structures.
 - Elevating structures.
 - Dry flood proofing of non-residential structures.
 - Constructing minor flood control projects.



Repetitive Flood Claims

- Grant awards will be prioritized for projects that provide greatest benefit to NFIP.
 - Eligible for 100% federal funding
 - State must certify that:
 - State and community cannot meet the required match.
- OR
- State or community do not have capacity to manage project activities.





Flood Mitigation Assistance

- Funded by National Flood Insurance Program.
 - Virginia receives \$475,000 annually;
- Priority is reducing claims against NFIP (program only for insured properties);
- A FEMA-approved hazard mitigation plan required for project grants;
- Competitive statewide;
- Cost share is 90% federal, 10% applicant.



Severe Repetitive Loss

- Targets insured residential properties with multiple large flood insurance claims.
- Purpose – Reduce NFIP claims through:
 - Acquisition, relocation, elevation, reconstruction.
 - Flood-proofing of historic structures.
 - Minor localized flood control projects.
- *Property owners who refuse an offer of mitigation will see their flood insurance premiums increase to actuarial cost with future flood claims.*





Severe Repetitive Loss

- Cost share is 90% federal, 10% applicant.
- This is the only program with a demolition, rebuild component
 - Must not exceed existing foundation footprint
 - Must be < \$166,666



The Lowe's

Katrina Cottage Series



Additional Information :

Pre-Disaster Mitigation:

- <http://www.fema.gov/government/grant/pdm/index.shtm>

Flood Mitigation Assistance:

- <http://www.fema.gov/government/grant/fma/index.shtm>

Repetitive Flood Claims:

- <http://www.fema.gov/government/grant/rfc/index.shtm>

Severe Repetitive Loss:

- <http://www.fema.gov/government/grant/srl/index.shtm>

Hazard Mitigation Grant Program:

- <http://www.fema.gov/government/grant/hmgp/index.shtm>



Deadlines for HMA Applications

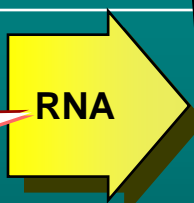
- Application period opened June 19, 2008
- All Applications are due to VDEM on October 31, 2008
- Eligible applications will be forwarded to FEMA by December 19, 2008

SUB-GRANTEES DO NOT NEED TO USE eGRANTS!!!



Let's take a look at a flow chart
for the hazard mitigation
application process!





STATE &
LOCAL
RESPONSE



VDEM
EMERGENCY
OPERATIONS
CENTER
REVIEW

VDEM Division
of Recovery &
Mitigation

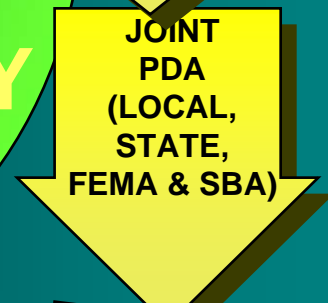
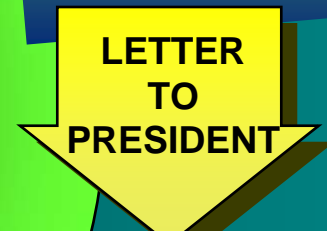


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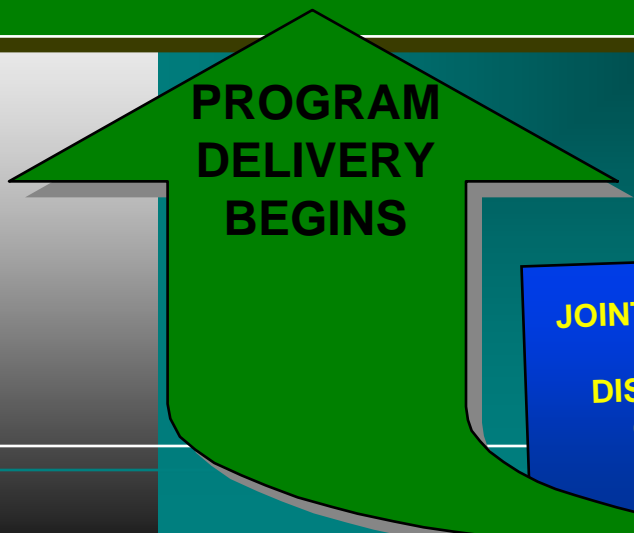
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PRESIDENT
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JOINT FIELD OFFICE (JFO)
AND
DISASTER RECOVERY
CENTERS (DRCs)
ESTABLISHED



Hazard Mitigation Grant Program

- Disaster Mitigation Strategy prioritizes areas impacted by disaster and project types
- Cost share:
 - 75% federal, 25% non-federal
 - OR 20% state and 5% sub- applicant if Governor approves state match



Bottoms Up Pizza, Richmond VA



Hazard Mitigation Grant Program

- Funding based on 20% of federal Stafford Act expenditures for disaster for:
 - Projects designed to reduce or prevent structural damage caused by future disaster events [88%];
 - Hazard mitigation plans developed in accordance with 44 CFR 201 [7%];
 - Initiative projects that support implementation of state hazard mitigation strategies [5%].





Who is eligible to apply for Unified HMA?



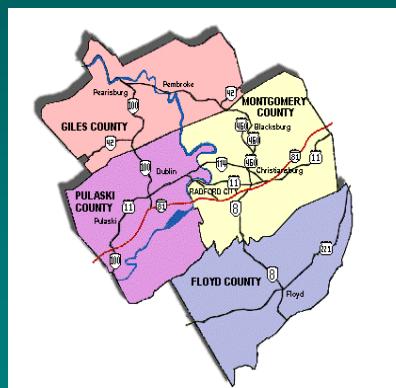
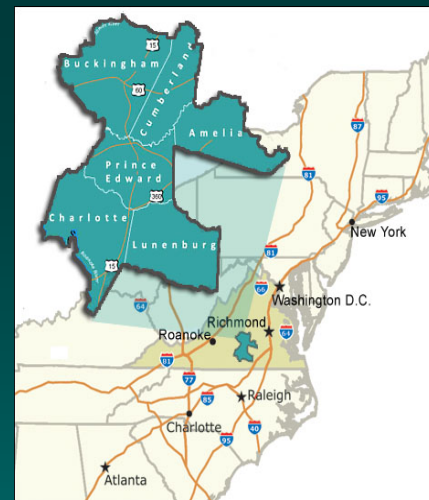
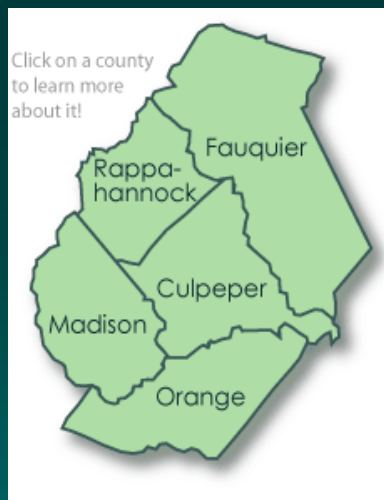
FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Eligible Sub-applicants

- State-level agencies, including State institutions;
- Public universities;
- Local jurisdictions that are participating in the NFIP.



HMA Eligible Sub-applicants

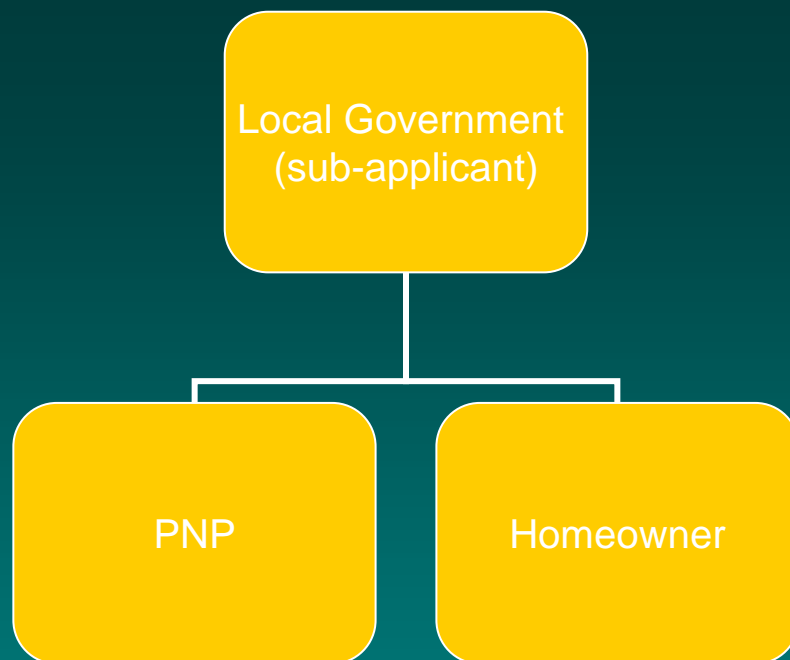
- Certain non-participating political subdivisions (e.g., Councils of Governments, Regional Planning Commissions, or County governments) may apply and act as sub-grantee on behalf of a NFIP participating community.





HMA Eligible Sub-applicants

- Private nonprofit (PNP) organizations and individuals are not eligible sub-applicants;
- Through an MOA, a State agency or local community in which the PNP or individual resides may act as the sub-applicant and apply for assistance to mitigate a private or PNP property.



Mitigation Plan Requirement for Applicant

Commonwealth of Virginia

Emergency Operations Plan

Volume 2 : Support Annex 3

Standard and Enhanced Hazard
Mitigation Plan



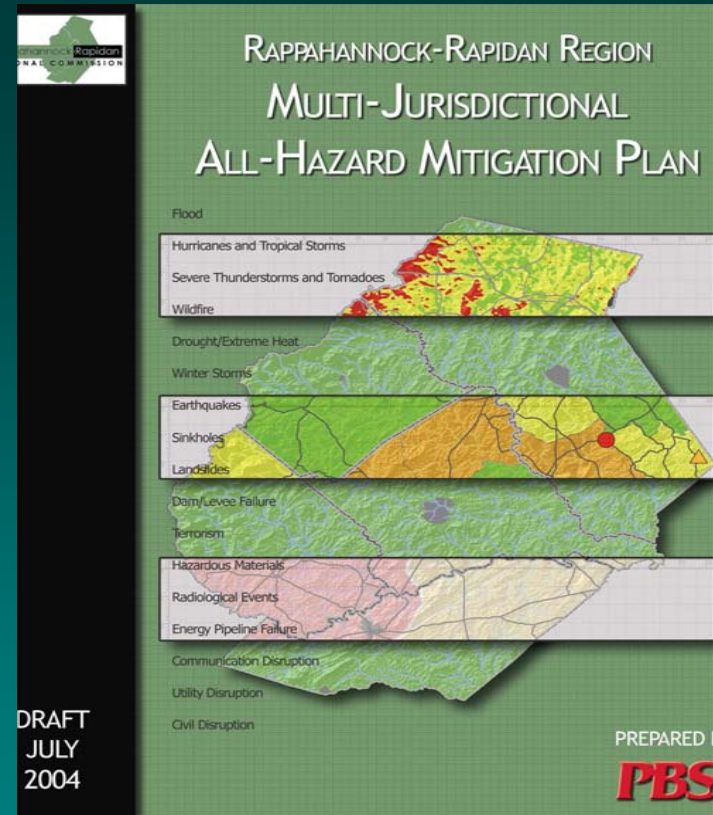
In accordance with 44 CFR Part 201, all Applicants must have a FEMA-approved State Mitigation Plan by the application deadline to be eligible to apply for and receive HMA grant funding.



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Mitigation Plan Requirements for Project Sub-applications

- Sub-applicants to the FMA, PDM and SRL programs must have a FEMA-approved local mitigation plan by the application deadline;
- This requirement does not apply for RFC, only an approved State plan is required.



322 Local Mitigation Plan Status

PLANNING DISTRICTS: REGIONAL PLANS

As of August 14, 2008

- | | |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1 – LENOWISCO PDC | 13 – Southside PDC |
| 2 – Cumberland Plateau PDC | 14 – Commonwealth RC - Piedmont |
| 3 – Mount Rogers PDC | 15 – Richmond Regional PDC |
| 4 – New River Valley PDC | 16 – RADCO PDC |
| 5 – Roanoke Valley-Alleghany PDC | 17 – Northern Neck PDC |
| 6 – Central Shenandoah PDC | 18 – Middle Peninsula PDC |
| 7 – Northern Shenandoah RC | 19 – Crater PDC |
| 8 – Northern Virginia RC | 22 – Accomack-Northampton PDC |
| 9 – Rappahannock-Rapidan RC | |
| 10 – Thomas Jefferson PDC | Others: |
| 11 – Region 2000 RC | PPG – Peninsula Planning Group |
| 12 – West Piedmont PDC | SHR - South Hampton Roads |

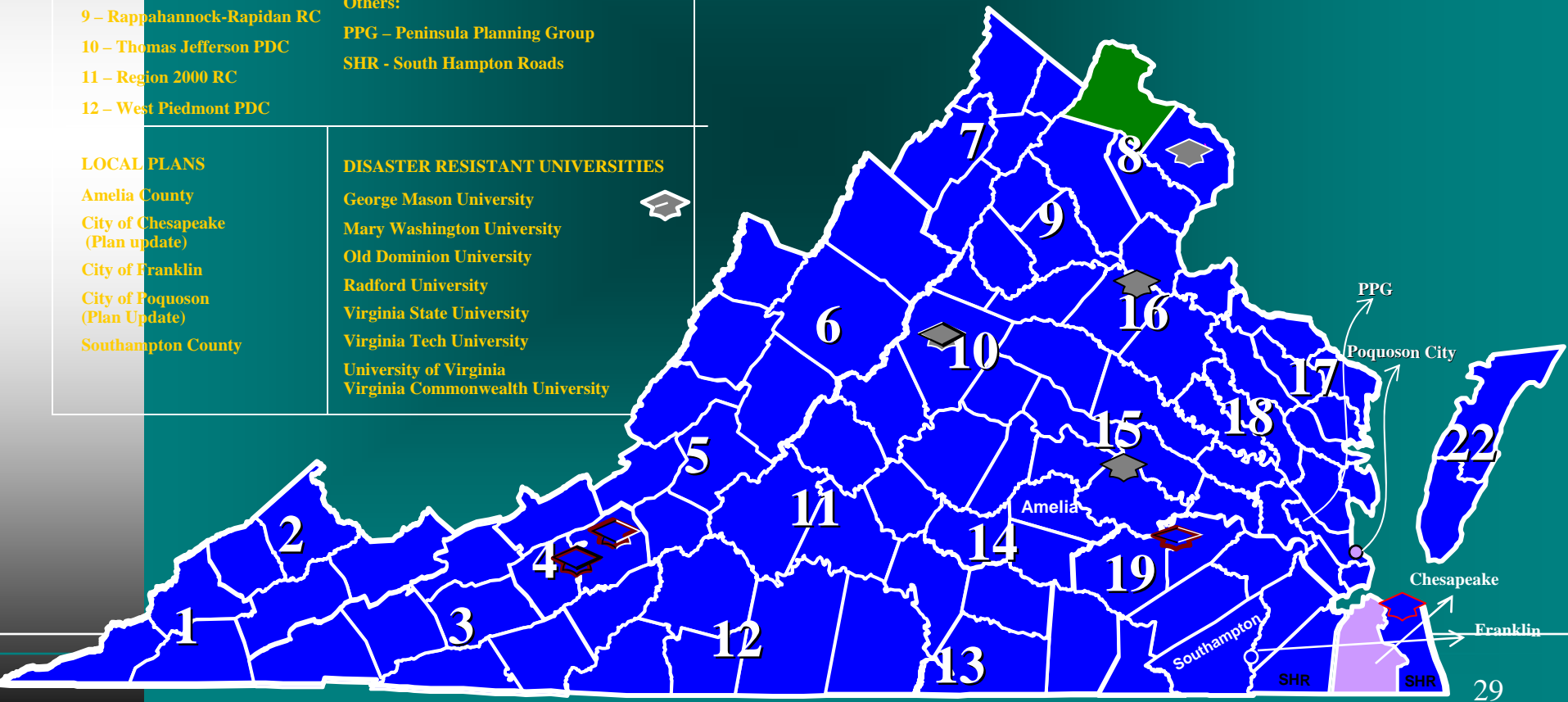
- Approved for 322
- Conditionally approved
- Completing FEMA revisions
- Under FEMA review
- HIRA Completed
- Plan Revision

LOCAL PLANS

Amelia County
City of Chesapeake
(Plan update)
City of Franklin
City of Poquoson
(Plan Update)
Southampton County

DISASTER RESISTANT UNIVERSITIES

George Mason University
Mary Washington University
Old Dominion University
Radford University
Virginia State University
Virginia Tech University
University of Virginia
Virginia Commonwealth University





Additional Project Requirements

Projects must be consistent with the goals and objectives identified in the current FEMA-approved State Mitigation Plan and local mitigation plan for jurisdictions in which the activity is located.

- **Goal 1, Strategy B = Project Eligibility**

Local Strategy Amendment

- VDEM with the support of FEMA Region III has developed an acceptable method for adding goals and strategies that were not identified in your current local mitigation plans.
- An amendment can be included and endorsed by the authorized individual (city manager, county administrator/executive, etc.)
- Amendment **does not** have to go before city council/board of supervisors as an adoption





Sample Amendment

Supplement to the Flood County Hazard Mitigation Plan

Objective #1 The Repetitive Flood PDC Communities will support implementation of structural and non structural mitigation activities to reduce exposure to natural and man-made hazards.

Mitigation Action 2.1: Mitigation projects that will result in protection of public or private property from natural hazards.

Eligible projects include, but are not limited to:

- Acquisition of hazard prone properties
- Elevation of flood prone structures
- Minor structural flood control projects
- Relocation of structures from hazard prone areas
- Retrofitting of existing buildings and facilities
- Retrofitting of existing buildings and facilities for shelters
- Infrastructure protection measures
- Storm water management improvements
- Advanced warning systems and hazard gauging systems (weather radios, reverse-911, stream gauges, I-flows)
- Targeted hazard education

Community: Flood County

Category: Mitigation, Elevation, Public Health and Safety

Hazard: Flood, Hurricane, Wind, Coastal Storms, Winter Storms

Background: Numerous county buildings have experienced repetitive damage due to flooding and storm events. The structures will be mitigated to reduce or eliminate the potential for damage associated with natural hazards.

Priority: High



National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Requirements

All sub-applicants **must** be participating in the National Flood Insurance Program and must not be suspended or withdrawn.





Questions?

